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CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWN AND COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is extending any further concessions to private parties for construction of storage godowns and cold storages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of perishable goods can be stored in cold storage existing in Karnataka;

(d) whether Central Government is assisting in any way to help the State Government to increase this capacity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): At present, the Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme throughNational Horticulture Board (NHB) since 1999-2000 of `Capital investment Subsidy Scheme forConstruction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce`. Under this scheme, the promoter of the cold storage is eligible for 25% subsidy subject to a ceiling of Rs.50.00 lakhs per project. Subsidy for projects in the North-easternRegion is fixed at higher level of 33.33% subject to a ceiling of Rs.60.00 lakhs per project.

(c): The existing cold storage capacity in Karnataka is 55147 MTs which can be used for storage of perishable goods in the State.

(d) & (e): Under the scheme entitled `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce`,no financial assistance is provided directly to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, organizations like State Corporations, Cooperatives, AgriculturalProduce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards/committees and Agro IndustriesCorporations which are under the control of State Government are eligible to avail the benefit of the scheme.